section 361 of Public Law 102–25; 105 Stat. 92 (5 U.S.C. 6361 note).

Persian Gulf War means the period beginning on August 2, 1990, and ending on a date thereafter prescribed by Presidential proclamation or by law. OPM will advise agencies of the ending date for eligibility to receive leave under this program.

Reservist leave bank means the leave bank established by OPM for the purpose of this subpart.

## § 630.1303 Identifying eligible returnees.

- (a) Each agency shall identify and list all eligible returnees within the agency.
- (b) Each agency shall report the number of eligible returnees identified to OPM. Negative reports are required.

# § 630.1304 Receipt, processing, and transfer of leave.

- (a) Each agency shall accept annual leave contributed to the reservist leave bank by leave contributors during the contribution period (open season).
- (b) Each agency shall determine the procedures under which to collect, process, and transfer leave contributed under this subpart. Leave contributed to the reservist leave bank must be debited from the contributor's annual leave account during the pay period in which it is contributed.
- (c) Each agency shall report the aggregate amount of annual leave contributed to the reservist leave bank to OPM. (See §630.1309(b)(1) of this subpart.)
- [56 FR 20518, May 6, 1991. Redesignated and amended at 64 FR 72253, 72256, Dec. 27, 1999]

# § 630.1305 Limitations on contribution of annual leave.

- (a) A leave contributor may not contribute leave for the use of a specific eligible returnee.
- (b) A leave contributor may contribute only accrued unused annual leave to the reservist leave bank.
- (c) A leave contributor may not contribute less than 1 hour of annual leave, nor more than the lesser of—
- (1) One-half the amount of annual leave he or she would be entitled to accrue during the leave year in which the contribution is made; or

- (2) One-half his or her annual leave balance at the time the contribution is made.
- (d) Annual leave contributed to the reservist leave bank shall not be applied against the limitations on annual leave that may be donated under the voluntary leave transfer and leave bank programs established under 5 U.S.C. 6332 and 6362, respectively.

#### §630.1306 Prohibition of coercion.

- (a) An employee may not directly or indirectly intimidate, threaten, or coerce, or attempt to intimidate, threaten, or coerce, any other employee for the purpose of interfering with any rights such employee may have with respect to contributing, or not contributing, annual leave under this subpart.
- (b) For the purpose of paragraph (a) of this section, the term "intimidate, threaten, or coerce" includes promising to confer or conferring any benefit (such as an appointment or promotion or compensation) or effecting or threatening to effect any reprisal (such as deprivation of appointment, promotion, or compensation).

## § 630.1307 Crediting annual leave accounts of eligible returnees.

- (a) OPM shall divide the contributed annual leave equally among eligible returnees without regard to any factor (e.g., full- or part-time status, duty station during the Persian Gulf War, or time spent on active duty) other than each employee's status as an eligible returnee.
- (b) The amount of annual leave each eligible returnee receives shall be rounded to the next higher quarter-hour. An employing agency may not reduce the amount of leave credited to an eligible returnee by any fraction of an hour, but may grant leave recipients excused absence for the remainder of the hour or charge leave by the quarter-hour for the purpose of this program.
- (c) OPM shall notify each agency of the amount of annual leave that shall be credited to each eligible returnee.
- (d) Each agency shall credit the annual leave accounts of eligible returnees who have returned to Federal employment as soon as possible, but not